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Washington, D. C. 20231

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Group Art Unit: 3713

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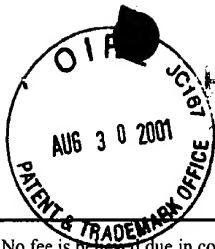
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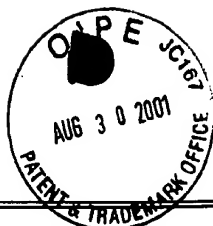
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1.	6,227,862	5/8/01	Harkness	434	65	
	2.	6,210,272	4/3/01	Brown	463	1	
	3.	6,125,358	2/26/00	Hubbell et al.	706	11	
	4.	6,105,046	8/15/00	Greenfield et al.	707	530	
	5.	5,722,418	3/3/98	Bro	128	732	
	6.	5,372,507	12/13/94	Goleh	434	118	
	7.	5,312,114	5/17/94	Lipson	273	434	

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